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- 1. Supplemental Amendment and Reply;
- 2. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
- 3. An original executed Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b); and
- 4. One (1) return postcard.

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